

SECOND AMENDED MOTION TO FILE AND MAINTAIN ACTION UNDER SEAL

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2(d), the United States of America (United States) respectfully requests that this Court extend and modify its sealing order dated March 27, 2012 for the following reasons:

1. In its prior motions to seal, the United States requested that this Court decide as a neutral arbitrator whether these proceedings should become public before or after the Texas primaries since the United States did not want to be forced into appearing as if it was trying to influence the outcome an election involving a person under criminal investigation. Through its order, this Court appears to have decided that these proceedings should remain sealed until after the primaries are concluded.

- 2. Since the Court sealed these proceedings, the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney has learned that the internet website used to publish civil notice of these proceedings requires that the publication be programmed into the system the day before. Publication then takes place the next day and cannot be stopped.
- 3. Presently, the Court's Order of March 27th directs that the United States must begin publishing public notice of this action on May 30, 2012. In the event that voting results in a run-off election, the United States would not be able to stop public notice of these proceedings and give the Court time to decide whether they should remain sealed until a run-off election is concluded.¹ Therefore, the United States requests that the Court issue a new order extending both the sealing and publication of these proceedings to May 31, 2012.
- 4. The United States further requests that this Court modify its sealing order so that the original Verification Affidavit and First Amended Verification Affidavit of FBI Special Agent Donald B. Sherman shall remain sealed until further order of this Court and that the United States be permitted to provide redacted versions of these affidavits for the United States District Clerk to use when the proceedings are unsealed. Unredacted copies of the original affidavits would still be provided directly to counsel for the potential claimants along with a copy of the Court's modified sealing order.

¹ The designated run-off date is July 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE AND SERVICE

Due to the nature of this motion, it was neither conferenced nor served upon counsel for the potential claimants.

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